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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is submitted in response to an official action bearing a mailing date of 7 January 2002 in which claims 54 through 58 were withdrawn from consideration, claims 1, 6 and 9-53 were rejected. Claims 2-5, 7 and 8 were objected to and various objections were made to the specification.

Please amend the specification as shown in Attachments 1 and 2 hereof.

Attachment 1 has the replacement paragraphs in clean form, that is, without markings to indicate the changes that have been made while Attachment 2 has the replacement paragraphs shown on pages separate from the amendment marked to show all changes relative to the previous version of the paragraphs. Brackets indicate deleted matter whereas underlining indicates added matter.

Please amend the claims as shown in Attachment 3 and 4. Attachment 3 is a clean copy of all the claims pending in the application; Attachment 4 is a copy of the claims which have been amended marked to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the claim.

Applicant traverses and requests reconsideration of claims 1 and 36-42 as allegedly claiming the same invention as that in claims 1 and 2, 28-34 and 53 and 54 of co-pending application 09/076,498. Reconsideration is requested.

Applicant further traverses and requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement and again requests that claims 54-58 be examined in this application. This traverse is without prejudice to applicant's right to petition against the restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that when the claims in their amended form are considered it will be manifestly apparent that applicant has addressed all the objections to the claims and that the claims in their amended form should now be allowed. Notification of the same is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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